PATENT APPLICATION Docket No. 16096.11

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
	Harald Schmidt)
Serial No.:	Not yet assigned) Art Unit) Not yet assigned
Filed:	**************************************) Not yet assigned)
Int'l App. No.:	PCT/EP03/11493)
For:	FILTER ELEMENT)
Examiner:	Not yet assigned)
Customer No.:	022913)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A"

Mail Stop AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the following preliminary amendment to the claims.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.